

Withdrawn:

The Ackerman amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase sentences by 50 percent for violent crimes committed against seniors and those who are disabled. **Pages H4508–09**

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of H.R. 3494 to make technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H4531**

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 465, the rule providing for consideration of the bill by a voice vote. **Pages H4485–87**

Condemning the Brutal Killing of Mr. James Byrd: The House agreed to H. Res. 466, condemning the brutal murder of Mr. James Byrd by a yeas and nays vote of 397 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 231. **Pages H4531–38**

Legislative Program: The Chief Deputy Majority Whip announced the Legislative program for the week of June 15. **Page H4538**

Meeting Hour—Monday, June 15: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, June 15. **Page H4538**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, June 16: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, for Morning Hour debate. **Page H4538**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, June 17. **Page H4538**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4481.

Referrals: S. 1364, to eliminate unnecessary and wasteful Federal reports, was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. **Page H4547**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas and nays votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4488, H4488–89, H4490–91, H4528–29, H4530–31, and H4537–38. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREST SERVICE TIMBER SALE

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the Forest Service timber sale program. Testimony was heard from Representatives Herger and Stupak; James Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; Ray Craig, Assistant State

Forester, Management Division, Department of Forestry, State of Oregon; and public witnesses.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government approved for full Committee action the Treasury, Postal Service, General Government Appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

MONEY LAUNDERING MEASURES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 4005, Money Laundering Deterrence Act of 1998; and H.R. 1756, Money Laundering and Financial Crimes Strategy Act of 1997.

Prior to this action, the Committee held a hearing on these measures. Testimony was heard from Senator Grassley; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Raymond W. Kelley, Under Secretary, Enforcement; and Robert Serino, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; Mary Lee Warren, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Jonathan Winer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Division, Department of State; and public witnesses.

ENERGY CONSERVATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power approved for full Committee action H.R. 4017, Energy Conservation Reauthorization Act of 1998.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS AND NATIONAL ASSESSMENT GOVERNING BOARD REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on reauthorization of the National Assessment of Educational Progress and the National Assessment Governing Board. Testimony was heard from Mary Blanton, Vice Chairperson, National Assessment Governing Board; and public witnesses.

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARDS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Institutional Review Boards (IRBs): A System in Jeopardy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: George F. Grob, Deputy Inspector General, Evaluation and Inspections; Eric Meslin, Executive Director, National Bioethics Advisory Committee; and Gary B. Ellis, Director, Office of Protection

from Research Risks, Office of Extramural Research, NIH; and public witnesses.

RECONSTRUCTING SIERRA LEONE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Reconstructing Sierra Leone. Testimony was heard from Johnnie Carson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

U.S. CUSTOMS MODERNIZATION— IMPLICATIONS ON TRADE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on Modernization of U.S. Customs: Implications On Trade. Testimony was heard from Stuart Seidel, Assistant Commissioner (Rules and Regulations), U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3682, Child Custody Protection Act.

OVERSIGHT; PROTECTING AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESS TRADE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on the United States Judicial Conference, the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, and the Federal Judicial Center. Testimony was heard from Wm. Terrell Hodges, Chairman, Executive Committee, Judicial Conference of the United States; Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office of United States Courts; and Rya W. Zobel, Director, Federal Judicial Center.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 3578, Protecting American Small Business Trade Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey D. Kovar, Assistant Legal Advisor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

FBI'S NATIONAL INSTANT-CHECK SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the FBI's implementation of a national instant-check system for screening prospective gun buyers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: James E. Kessler, Jr., Section Chief, Operations Branch, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, FBI; and Jan M. Chaiken, Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics; Lt. Robert G. Kemmler, Assistant Records Management Officer, Firearms Transaction Program, Department of State Police, State of Virginia; Lt. Col. Cynthia Smith, Bureau Chief, Drug and Crimi-

nal Enforcement, State Police, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; PRIVATE IMMIGRATION MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action amended the following bills: H.R. 2837, Naturalization Reform Act of 1997; and H.R. 371, Hmong Veterans' Naturalization Act of 1997.

The Committee also considered private immigration bills.

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION—INFORMATION ASSURANCE

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a joint hearing on the Fiscal Year 1999 National Defense authorization request on Critical Infrastructure Protection—Information Assurance. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Jeffrey Hunter, Director, Critical Infrastructure Office; Linton Wells, II, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence; and Brig. Gen. John H. Campbell, USAF, Deputy Director, Information Operations (J-39).

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the impact of the spiny dogfish harvest on striped bass. Testimony was heard from Richard Schaffer, Chief, Intergovernmental and Recreational Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Hannibal Bolton, Division Chief, Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; George Lapointe, Director, Interstate Fisheries Management Program, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1390, to authorize the Government of India to establish a memorial to honor Mahatma Gandhi in the District of Columbia; H.R. 1728, amended, National Park Service Administrative Amendment of 1997; H.R. 3109, Thomas Cole National Historic Site Act; H.R. 3830, Utah Schools and Lands Exchange Act of 1998; and H.R. 3055, amended, to deem the activities of the Micosukee Tribe on the Tamiami Indian Reservation to be consistent with the purposes of the Everglades National Park.

PASSENGER INTERFERENCE; CARRY-ON BAGGAGE REDUCTION ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the problem of passenger interference with flight crews and a review of H.R. 3064, Carry-on Baggage Reduction Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Guy Gardner, Associate Administrator, Regulations and Certifications, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

ADOPTION REUNION REGISTRIES—SCREENING OF ADULTS WORKING WITH CHILDREN

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Adoption Reunion Registries and Screening of Adults Working with Children. Testimony was heard from Senators Levin, Craig and Bennett; Representative Bliley; Kent Markus, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Justice; Josette P. Marquess, Coordinator, Adoption Reunion Registry and Post Adoption Services Unit, Department of Children and Families, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

CHINA PROLIFERATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on China Proliferation. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings**IRS REFORM**

Conferees on Wednesday, June 10, met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2676, to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JUNE 12, 1998**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem, to hold hearings to examine how the Year 2000 computer conversion will affect utilities and the national power grid, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.